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STATE OF DELAWARE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: July 10, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Harrington Christopher J. Whitfield Rick Allamong Andy Staton

DIVISION STAFF/ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

ALSO PRESENT

Denise Tatman, DAR

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Harrington called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Subcommittee reviewed the minutes from the May 8, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Allamong, to approve the minutes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Whitfield passed out documents that he prepared for the discussion of the "Auctioneer Exemption." Mr. Whitfield's document shows where in the rules and regulations the exemption for "auctioneer" can be added to go with what is currently in the statute. Mr. Whitfield is trying to bring together some of the language that the Auctioneers are proposing in their Bill so the definitions match. Mr. Whitfield stated that he has another document that he wrote up which is a little different than the first one.

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Ms. Tatman brought a copy of the new HB 406 that will be introduced to the House. After the subcommittee reviewed the Bill, the subcommittee discussed that if the Bill passes into legislation that some of the rules and regulations that they are working on will be moot.

Mr. Allamong asked Mr. Whitfield if he could update his documents with what was discussed today and then send it out for the subcommittee to review before the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE (for discussion only)

Mr. Allamong spoke about his attendance to the Sussex County MLS meeting. He attended as an individual and not as a Commissioner. Mr. Allamong's concern was that since the statute and the rules and regulations changed, real estate went from being a presumed seller's agency to a presumed buyer's agency and presumed dual agency. A builder engages with a broker to list on the MLS. The builder has employees that greet the public and who are not licensed. The problem Mr. Allamong sees in protecting the public is that the MLS site suggests that buyers will be represented by a licensee and this is not happening at new construction locations. On the MLS site the potential buyer will see a broker's name, not the names of the builder or the builder's salespersons.

Mr. Whitfield suggested that a disclosure of some sort could be used from the broker disclosing that the listing agent will not be on site but the builder's agent will be. Under section 9.0 of the regulations, the Commission could develop a new form that needs to be presented in these situations. Mr. Allamong will provide further information at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next meeting – July 10, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Staton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitfield to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.